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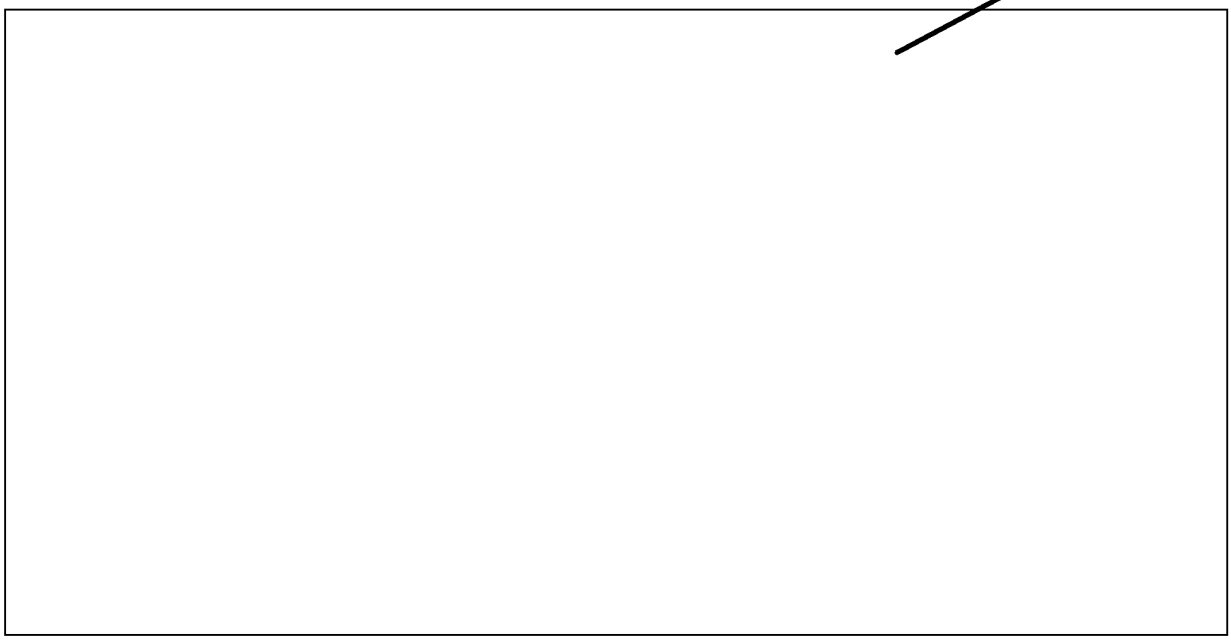

China: **More Activity at Lop Nur**

China has added a new nuclear test to the three it had already planned for next year. Chinese authorities reportedly are planning to conduct all four tests by October 1996, but some officials at the testing base are concerned about the engineering aspects of this ambitious plan.

— ***Because China has never conducted more than two underground tests in one year, despite two attempts to exceed this pace, it appears unlikely that it will complete this ambitious schedule. If Beijing is determined to conduct the tests, it may be forced to decide between testing after signing a Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty—but before it goes into effect—or delaying signature.***